

REMARKS

New independent claim 9 recites the presence of the oscillating scan reflector 50. Support for this feature can be found at page 10, line 12 through page 11, line 10, of the specification, as well as Figs. 5-7. The prior art does not show or suggest an oscillating light beam directed to a rotary mirrored component for causing still more scan lines to be generated.

New independent claim 18 recites, among other things, that the stationary mirrors are in a “non-overlapping relationship”, and that “both tilted mirrors of the third pair are operative for reflecting scan lines at an upper central region of the window”.

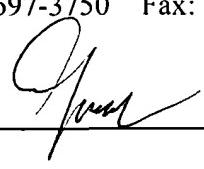
As the Examiner has admitted, U.S. Patent No. 6,543,694 discloses no third pair of mirrors. As for U.S. Patent No. 6,045,046, the Examiner has identified mirrors 2, 6 as being equivalent to applicant’s third pair of mirrors.

Yet, these mirrors 2, 6 “overlap” the outer mirrors 1, 7, as well as “overlap” the inner mirrors 3, 5 (see Fig. 2, and col. 5, lines 50 and 62). Also, the mirrors 2, 6 are tilted in opposite directions, that is, one 2 of the mirrors reflects scan lines at the bottom of the window, whereas the other 6 of the mirrors reflects scan lines at the top of the window. By contrast, applicant’s claim 18 recites that “both” of its “non-overlapping” tilted mirrors reflect scan lines toward an upper central region of the window.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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